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## IMMENSE BREAST OF THE HUGE SEA (1920)

then the sea-girls (seagulls)  
lifting up their redder than the jewel  
the secret word to the seaman's will

though the heavens harden the treasure hung down  
rounded

    a piercing reed  
    a blue-edged sword

    a great battle ax consumes me  
sticky, salty sweetness, the slow withering  
offspring of breasts that are empty

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skirt as flighty as a wing

I am a naughty lamb  
giving sphery grapes their sheen

The wood is talking in its sleep.  
branches finger the leaning moon

a marriage bed of moist green mould,  
kisses of her mouth like dew

pure as a naked flame, blue veins of morning glories,  
elfin-softly, the bluebells rang  
wild, wet words as beauty came:  
    in the rainbow—  
    in the sunlight—  
    in the rain

